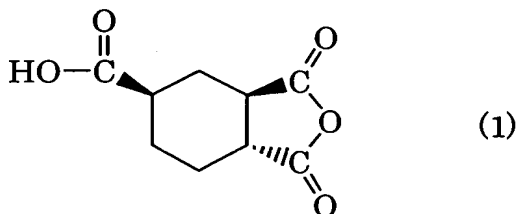


## CLAIMS

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. Trans, trans-1,2,4-cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid-1,2-anhydride represented  
5 by the following formula 1:



2. A cyclohexanetricarboxylic anhydride being liquid at ordinary  
temperatures which comprises trans, trans-1,2,4-cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid-  
1,2-anhydride as defined in claim 1.

3. The cyclohexanetricarboxylic anhydride being liquid at ordinary  
temperatures according to claim 2, which has a color number of 100 Hazen or less.

4. A method of producing the cyclohexanetricarboxylic anhydride being liquid  
at ordinary temperatures as defined in claim 2, which comprises a step of melting  
1,2,4-cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid and/or 1,2,4-cyclohexanetricarboxylic acid-1,2-  
15 anhydride at 180 to 300°C by heating.

5. The method according to claim 4, which further comprises a step of  
purifying the cyclohexanetricarboxylic anhydride by distillation after the step of  
melting by heating.